

573rd Transportation Technical Committee
Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments
Thursday, January 8, 2026 – 10:00 AM
Metro COG Conference Room

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Introductions	
2. Approve the Agenda	Action Item
3. Approve Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2025	Action Item
4. Public Input Opportunity	Public Input
5. 2026-2029 TIP Amendment 1 AMENDED	Action Item
6. Agency Updates	Discussion Item
a. City of Fargo	f. Cass County
b. City of Moorhead	g. Clay County
c. City of West Fargo	h. MATBUS
d. City of Dilworth	i. Others
e. City of Horace	
7. Additional Business	Information Item
8. Adjourn	

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Bolded Action Items require roll call votes.

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**572nd Meeting of the
FM Metro COG Transportation Technical Committee
Thursday, December 11, 2025 – 10:00 AM
Metro COG Conference Room**

Members Present:

Paul	Bervik	West Fargo Engineering
Maegin	Elshaug	City of Fargo Planning (Alt. for N. Crutchfield)
Jeremy	Gorden	City of Fargo Engineering
Ben	Griffith	Metro COG
Luke	Grittner	MATBUS
Cole	Hansen	Cass County Planning Director
Will	Hutchings	NDDOT – Local Government Division
Matthew	Jacobson	Clay County Planning Left at 11:10
Kyle	Litchy	Cass County Highway
Don	Lorsung	City of Dilworth Community Development
Nathaniel	McHaffie	Horace Planning (Alt. for J. Dahlman) Left at 11:13 AM
Aaron	Nelson	West Fargo City Planning Left at 11:00 AM
Joey	Ness	GFMEDC (Alt. for Joe Raso)
Mary	Safgren	MnDOT – Dist. 4 Planning Director Joined at 10:10 AM
Rose	Bruce-White	MnDOT – Dist. 4 Planning Voting member until M. Safgren joined
Forrest	Steinhoff	Moorhead Planning (Alt. for R. Huston)
Brit	Stevens	NDSU – Transportation Manager
Tom	Trowbridge	Moorhead Engineering

Members Absent:

Julie	Bommelman	MATBUS
Nicole	Crutchfield	City of Fargo Planning (Alternate present)
James	Dahlman	City of Horace - Planning/Engineering (Alt. present)
Robin	Huston	City of Moorhead Planning (Alt. present)
Kelly	Krapu	Freight
Joe	Raso	GFMEDC (Alt. present)
Justin	Sorum	Clay County Engineering

Others Present:

Adam	Altenburg	Metro COG
Karissa	Beierle Pavek	Metro COG
Angela	Brumbaugh	Metro COG
Dan	Farnsworth	Metro COG
Aiden	Jung	Metro COG
Aaron	Bartling	Bolton and Menk
Mike	Bittner	Bolton and Menk
Cody	Christianson	Bolton and Menk
Dylan	Dunn	Moore Engineering
Jason	Gottfried	MNDOT - MPO Coordinator
Chelsea	Levorsen	City of Fargo Planning
Clay	Lexen	City of Moorhead Engineering

Brent	Muscha	Apex Engineering
Tom	Soucy	Cass County Engineering

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM, on December 11, 2025 by Chair Griffith. A quorum was present.

2. Approve the 572nd TTC Meeting Agenda

Chair Griffith asked if there were any questions or changes to the December 11, 2025 TTC Meeting Agenda. Two agenda items were amended:

Agenda Item 5. 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Administrative Modification#1 and #2

Agenda Item 6. ND Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Applications

Motion: Approve the December 11, 2025 TTC Meeting Agenda with amendments

Mr. Lorsung moved, seconded by Mr. Bervik

MOTION, PASSED.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approve November 13, 2025 TTC MEETING MINUTES

Chair Griffith asked if there were any questions or changes to the November 13, 2025 TTC Meeting Minutes. Dan Triller from SEH was added to the list for people present.

Motion: Approve the September 11, 2025 TTC Minutes.

Mr. Trowbridge moved, seconded by Mr. Steinhoff

MOTION, PASSED

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public Comment Opportunity

No public comments were received or provided.

5. 2026-2029 TIP Administrative Modification #1 and #2 (amended)

Mr. Altenburg presented information regarding administrative modifications #1 and #2:

- **Modification of Project 5250005:** Replacement of HPS Light Heads at Various Locations in Moorhead (2026). Added State Program Numbers,

Revision to Project Location and Project Limits, Revised Project Description.

- **Modification of Project 5250005:** Replacement of HPS Light Heads at Various Locations in Moorhead (2026). Description Change.

No Motion Necessary. Information Only.

6. ND Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Applications (amended)

Mr. Altenburg stated NDDOT solicited applications for the annual Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grants. Three applications were received:

- Fargo – Remove negative left turn offsets at three intersections: 45th Street at 9th Avenue S, 45th Street and at 15th Avenue S, and at 25th Street and 13th Avenue S.
- Fargo – Fargo 10th Avenue and University Drive Speed Management and Pedestrian Safety Project
- Cass County – Solar-powered speed limit radar signage located at entry points of multiple rural cities

Motion: Recommend approval of the North Dakota HSIP applications as provided in the attachments to the Policy Board

Mr. Bervik moved, seconded by Mr. Trowbridge

MOTION, PASSED

Motion carried unanimously.

7. ND Urban Regional Highway System (RHS) Applications

Mr. Altenburg stated NDDOT solicited for the annual Urban Regional Highway System (RHS) grants. Five applications were received:

- Fargo – Reconstruction of University Drive S from 13th Avenue S to 18th Avenue S
- Fargo – Reconstruction of University Drive N from 1st Avenue N to 12th Avenue N
- Fargo – Reconstruction of University Drive N from 12th Avenue N to 19th Avenue N
- Fargo – Concrete Pavement Repair on 52nd Avenue S from Timber Parkway to University Drive S
- Fargo – Reconstruction of 19th Avenue N from Dakota Drive N to 18th Street N

Motion: Recommend approval of the North Dakota RHS applications as provided in the attachments to the Policy Board
Mr. Gorden moved, seconded by Mr. McHaffie
MOTION, PASSED
Motion carried unanimously.

8. Railway-Highway Crossings (Section 130) Program Projects

Mr. Altenburg stated the Railway-Highway Crossings (Section 130) Program provides funds for the elimination of hazards at public railway-highway crossings. Two projects were identified for 2026 Section 130 funding:

- Fargo – New Crossing Surface at 4th Street N near Main Avenue on KO Subdivision
- Fargo – New Crossing Surface at 7th Avenue N near 14th Street N on Hillsboro/Prosper Subdivision

Motion: Recommend support of Section 130 projects as identified to the Policy Board
Mr. Trowbridge moved, seconded by Mr. Gorden
MOTION, PASSED
Motion carried unanimously.

9. 2026 Employment and Household Data Purchase

Mr. Jung stated two vendors were contacted and provided the same specifications sheets outlining the data needs for acquiring regional household and employment datasets: Data-Axle and Claritas.

After reviewing both proposals, it was determined that Data-Axle can provide the required datasets and is within the programmed budgeted amount for 2026. The total cost is \$7,492.24.

Motion: Recommend selection of Data-Axle to the Policy Board as the preferred vendor to supply employment and household data to Metro COG.
Mr. Lorsung moved, seconded by Mr. Bervik
MOTION, PASSED
Motion carried unanimously.

10. Metro COG Regional Freight Plan RFP

Mr. Altenburg stated the Regional Freight Plan is used to help with short and long-term strategies and guidance for processes and policies to guide

future investments in truck and rail freight movements. Metro COG is seeking proposals to complete the Freight Plan in 2026. The last plan was completed in 2018. There is a not-to-exceed budget amount of \$175,000.

Motion: Recommend Policy Board approval of the Metro COG Regional Freight Plan RFP

Mr. Lorsung moved, seconded by Mr. Bervik

MOTION, PASSED

Motion carried unanimously.

11. West 94 Area Transportation Plan

Mr. Farnsworth introduced Mike Bittner with Bolton and Menk and stated the West 94 Area Transportation Plan was started in 2024 in partnership with West Fargo.

Mr. Bittner stated growth potential, uncovering potential barriers, and a roadmap of next steps were all included. Public engagement included handwritten postcards to property owners, Open Houses, social media, Marketing signs, Posters, News coverage, and press release.

Feedback from the engagements showed preference for an interchange at 13th Avenue/15th Street with concerns from Elmwood and Brooks Harbor Neighborhoods about increased traffic. NDDOT has concerns with an additional access onto I-94. Mr. Hutchings stated NDDOT has reached out to district representatives and they are having dialog with West Fargo.

Motion: Recommend Policy Board approval of the West 94 Area Transportation Plan

Mr. Bervik moved, Seconded by Mr. Nelson

MOTION, PASSED

Motion carried unanimously.

12. Horace Downtown Neighborhood Plan

Mr. Griffith introduced Luke Champa with SRF Consulting Group and stated Metro COG contracted with SRF in April of 2024 to complete the Horace Downtown Neighborhoods Plan.

Mr. Champa stated Community Engagement and Stakeholder meetings were held. The plan process included guiding principles:

- Rural Small-Town Identity
- A Community Accessible by Walking, Biking, and Driving
- Utility Improvements and Maintenance
- High Quality of Life
- Activities for Everyone

The final Downtown concept was people were more interested in keeping the grain elevators than removing them and no building taller than two stories. The next step would be to build momentum and establish policy and guidelines.

Motion: Recommendation of approval of the final report of the Horace Downtown Neighborhoods Plan.

Mr. McHaffie moved, Seconded by Mr. Trowbridge

MOTION, PASSED

Motion carried unanimously.

13. 2026-2030 Transit Development Plan

Mr. Altenburg stated Metro COG and MATBUS contracted with Bolton and Menk to develop the 2026-2030 TDP. The TDP is a federally- and state-required document outlining a five-year strategy for improving public transit services. Mr. Altenburg introduced Aaron Bartling with Bolton and Menk.

Mr. Bartling presented the plan components:

- Existing Conditions Analysis
- Future System Needs Identification
- Service Recommendations
- Community Feedback
- Coordinated Transportation Plan

Mr. Bartling stated public input was gathered with online interactive map, virtual open house, and an online survey. Areas they would like to see improvements are less transfers and reliability, service frequency, equity and accessibility, fare structure and funding.

MATBUS Coordination Committee recommended approval at their October 15th meeting.

Motion: Recommend Policy Board approval of the 2026-2030 Transit Development Plan

Mr. Lorsung moved, Seconded by Mr. Grittner

MOTION, PASSED

Motion carried unanimously.

14. Metro Rail Needs Study

Mr. Griffith introduced Dan Bergerson with HDR stating the study began in June of 2024 and included a Study Review Committee and Public engagement. There were fifteen study locations in the metro area. The key objectives are evaluating existing conditions, assessing potential improvements, and recommending infrastructure enhancements. The scoring matrix in order of rank:

1. Magnitude of Project Benefits
2. Emergency Service Access
3. Community Impacts
4. Magnitude of Project Costs
5. Discretionary Funding Potential
6. Multimodal Mobility and Active Transportation
7. School Bus Traffic
8. Train Traffic
9. Railroad Support

Motion: Recommend approval of the Metro Railroad Needs Study to the Policy Board

Mr. Lorsung moved, Seconded by Mr. Trowbridge

MOTION, PASSED

Motion carried unanimously.

15. Agency Updates

- a. City of Fargo Engineering – \$35 million to bid out in projects for next year: Main and West University
- b. City of Fargo Planning – Working on Land Development Code rewrite
- c. City of Moorhead Engineering – 40th Avenue South input meeting in late January
- d. City of Moorhead Planning – Working with Clay County and PartnerSHIP for Health on PCA settlement; the public engagement closes on December 15th
- e. MATBUS – Nothing to report
- f. City of West Fargo Engineering – Bid opening for 9th Street reconstruct is tomorrow
- g. City of Dilworth – Public hearing on Comp Plan identified need for “missing middle” housing

- h. City of Horace – Nothing to report
- i. Cass County Highway – Nothing to report
- j. Cass County Planning – Nothing to report
- k. Clay County Planning – Nothing to report
- l. GFMEDC – Nothing to report
- m. NDSU – Nothing to report
- n. MnDOT District 4 West Central – Nothing to report
- o. NDDOT Central Office – Annual contract UPWP has been approved and in place; working on STIP approval.
- p. Federal Highway – Nothing to report
- q. MnDOT Central Office – Nothing to report

16. Additional Business

No additional business was brought forward for discussion.

17. Adjourn

The 572nd Regular Meeting of the TTC was adjourned on December 11, 2025 at 11:50 AM.

**Mr. Trowbridge moved to Adjourn; Mr. Lorsung seconded
MOTION, PASSED
Motion carried unanimously.**

**THE NEXT FM METRO COG TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MEETING WILL BE HELD January 8, 2026, 10:00 AM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Brumbaugh
Office Manager



To: Transportation Technical Committee
From: Adam Altenburg, AICP
Date: January 7, 2026
Re: **2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 1**

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments (Metro COG) will hold a public meeting both in person and virtually on Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 4:00 PM to consider public comments regarding a proposed amendment to the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the FM metropolitan area.

The proposed amendment to the 2026-2029 TIP is as follows:

1. **Modification of Project 9220011:** NDDOT deck overlay, retrofit, selective grade and riprap of ND10E (2026). Moving project year from 2027 to 2026.
2. **New Project 9220040:** NDDOT asphalt overlay of ramps at I-29 Harwood Interchange (2026)
3. **Modification of Project 4240011:** Fargo reconstruction of 17th Avenue S (2026). Connecting original STBG-funded project with additional CRP funding
4. **New Project 4240012:** Fargo reconstruction of 17th Avenue S (2026). Adding additional CRP funding and connecting it to original STBG-funded project
5. **Modification of Project 4250014:** Fargo reconstruction of 1st Avenue N from 10th Street to Roberts Street (2027). Modifying project limits to extend from 10th Street N to 3rd Street N and incorporating project 4250015.
6. **Removal of Project 4250015:** Fargo reconstruction of 1st Avenue N from Roberts Street to 3rd Street N (2027). Removing of existing project and incorporating project funding and project limits with project 4250014.
7. **Removal of Project 3250022:** West Fargo construction of shared use path and pedestrian bridge across Sheyenne River at River's Bend (2026). Removal of existing project and federal funding.
8. **New Project 8251044:** MnDOT installation of electric vehicle charging station within one mile of Exit 22 on I-94 (2026).

See **Attachment 1** for more detailed project information.

Requested Action: Pending public comments, recommend Policy Board approval of Amendment 1 to Metro COG's 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Agenda Item 5 Attachment 1 AMENDED

Lead Agency	Metro COG ID State Number	Project Year	Project Location	Length	Project Limits From To	Project Description	Improvement Type	Total Project Cost	Federal Revenue Source	Federal Revenue	State Revenue	Local Revenue
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Amendment 1 - 2026-2029 Metro COG TIP

New and existing projects with changes

NDDOT	9220011 23774	2027- 2026	ND 10E		4 Miles East of ND 18		Deck Overlay, Rail Retrofit, Selective Grade, Riprap	Rehabilitation	\$132,128	Non NHSS	\$106,931	\$25,197	
NDDOT	9220040 24812	2026	I-29		Harwood Interchange		Asphalt Overlay	Rehabilitation	\$541,000	IM	\$486,900	\$51,400	
City of Fargo	4240011 24237	2026	17th Ave S		25th St S	University Dr	Reconstruction of 17th Ave S in Fargo (Connected to 2420012)	Reconstruction	\$9,960,000	STBG	\$5,400,000		\$4,560,000
City of Fargo	4240012 24237 CRP	2026	17th Ave S		25th St S	University Dr	Reconstruction of 17th Ave S in Fargo (Connected to 2420011)	Reconstruction	\$808,750	CRP	\$647,000		\$161,750
City of Fargo	4250014 24430	2028	1st Avenue N		10th Street N	Roberts- Street 3rd Street North	Reconstruction of 1st Avenue North	Reconstruction	\$13,634,516- \$23,434,324	STBG	\$5,613,716- \$10,693,894		\$8,020,800- \$12,740,430
MnDOT	8251044 8824-260	2026	I-94		Within 1 Mile of Exit 22		**NEVI**DISTRICTWIDE INSTALL NEVI CHARGING STATION WITHIN 1 MILE FROM EXIT 22 ON I-94	New Construction	\$658,149	Not Applicable (Non SRC SF)		\$519,938	\$138,211

Amendment 1 - 2026-2029 Metro COG TIP

Removal of existing projects

City of Fargo	4250015 24430	2028	1st Avenue N		Roberts Street	3rd Street North	Reconstruction of 1st Avenue North	Reconstruction	\$9,799,808	STBG	\$5,080,178		\$4,719,630
City of West Fargo	3250022 24260	2026	River's Bend Area		Sheyenne Street	23rd Avenue South	Construction of a shared-use path and pedestrian bridge crossing the Sheyenne River.	New Construction	\$1,070,000	CRP	\$746,536		\$323,464